

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension)

of the Educator Certificate of)

Sheryl L. Anderson,)

Certificate 203359)

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on November 9, 2005. On September 21, 2005, the State Department of Education (Department) sent Sheryl L. Anderson a notice of her right to a hearing regarding the possible suspension of her South Carolina educator certificate by certified mail, return receipt requested, delivery restricted to addressee. Ms. Anderson received the notice as evidenced by the signed postal receipt. Ms. Anderson did not request a hearing within the time frame specified in the notice letter. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to suspend Ms. Anderson's certificate until she repays her outstanding loan with the State of South Carolina obtained through the Center for Teacher Education, Recruitment, Retention and Advancement (CERRA).

FINDINGS OF FACT

Ms. Anderson holds a valid certificate and has over nine years of teaching experience. On October 12, 2001, Ms. Anderson signed a promissory note with the State of South Carolina to obtain a loan of \$2300 to pay for the costs of applying for certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). One of the terms of that agreement was that Ms. Anderson agreed to repay the \$2300 if she did not properly withdraw from the NBPTS process, nor submit the required portfolio to NBPTS, within the specified time frames. Ms. Anderson did neither and has not repaid the \$2300. CERRA and the State Department of Education sent several letters to Ms. Anderson informing

her that the \$2300 was now due and of the consequences for failing to repay the amount due.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The State Board may suspend the certificate of any person for unprofessional conduct. S.C. Code Ann. §§ 59-25-150 and 160 (2004). The State Board finds that there is sufficient evidence supporting its decision to suspend Ms. Anderson's certificate 203359 from the date of this Order until she has satisfied her financial obligation in the amount of \$2300 to the State of South Carolina, as established in the loan agreement referenced above. Upon payment of the \$2,300.00, if Ms. Anderson wishes to have her certificate reinstated, she may make a written request for reinstatement to the Office of Educator Certification of the Department of Education.

South Carolina State Board of Education

By: /S/ Paul M. Forrester

Paul M. Forrester, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
November 9, 2005